Development (NABARD) under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). NABARD provides financial assistance to State Governments under RIDF for undertaking rural infrastructure projects in the respective States. During the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, NABARD has sanctioned Rs. 4632.67 crores and Rs. 1048.38 crores respectively to various States under RIDF-VI and RIDF-VII towards creation of infrastructure in various sectors *viz.* irrigation, roads and bridges, mini-hydel, rural water supply, soil moisture, conservation, watershed development, primary school building, rural markets, flood protection and drainage, information technology and system improvement projects.

Compensation for Extra Work in Bank

3939. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a charter of demands has been submitted by the prominent Bank Officers' Unions to the Indian Bank Association asking for compensation for extra work currently being carried out by the officers due to enormous rise in the work load due to shortage of staff consequent to VRS in the banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken towards the demands made by the Unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Re-activation of Gold Deposit Scheme

3940. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Gold Deposit Scheme comes a cropper" which appeared in the Newstime dated 29th July, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the reasons for the failure of the scheme have been inquired